

**CITY OF RUSHVILLE PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville. President Denny Corn called the meeting to order. Members present were David Hasecuster, Jan Voiles, Wilma Jo Kile and Tim Shuppert. Jack Harmon was absent. Others present were Parks Director Danny Mathews, Attorney Julie Newhouse, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Pool Manager Anita Carfield, Assistant Pool Manager Jean Kopf, Kathy Linville from Subway, Mayor Bob Bridges, John Stater with B.C. Water Management and Starr Shuppert with *The Rushville Republican*.

**Minutes:** Minutes of February 8, 2005 was presented for approval. Shuppert moved to approve February 8<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. Hasecuster seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

**Reports:** Mathews reported that the Easter Egg Hunt is March 26<sup>th</sup> at Noon. He has purchased pinwheels for age groups 0-5 and squirt guns for 6 and up. He would appreciate all the help he can get to distribute the prizes.

Reported this Saturday is the Irish Fest at the Knights of Columbus hall and that the money from this event will be donated to the new Riverside Park South of town. Invited all to attend and help out.

Reported that the Parks Department has moved to a new location to the back lot of the Police Department. Corn volunteered a lot of his help on this project and it was very much appreciated. Mathews feels this was a very good move and is almost complete. Everyone has been working really hard and was fortunate to get inmates help. Invited all to visit.

Reported he has heard the Boy Scouts want to hold their meetings in the old park office but hasn't been contacted as of yet.

Kopf reported that they have set up interviews for this Saturday to start interviewing for the swimming pool positions.

**Claims:** Reviewed Claims prior to meeting by Kile and Hasecuster. Kile moved to approve the claims for the month. Hasecuster seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved for the month.

**Unfinished Business:** B.C. Water Management – Discuss Chemical Change Over – John Stater with B.C. Water Management was present and explained his product to the board. He stated at our swimming pool now we are chlorinating with a dry chemical. They are a liquid pool chemical company and now they will do all the work, we won't have to mess with the product or handle the chemicals anymore. It is most cost effective to use this liquid. They will come and put in a tank, keep it on a "keep full" basis. They sell their product by the gallon. He assured the board that our chemical costs would drop 25%. This product is cheaper and more effective. No one will have to touch the chemicals anymore. "Clear Blue" is the name of the product. It is not harmful to the skin. They will put this in a 160 gallon tank which is the same as a 55 gallon drum. This will set where the Muratic acid tank is now, replacing it. Mathews said one thing he likes is we don't have to change from barrel to barrel and it will eliminate all odors and gasses. Mathews asked if we had to backwash. Stater stated "no". You do nothing. The only chemical we will need is maybe to raise the PH at times. We buy the tank for \$350 and they come and hook it up. What they bring will be a two weeks supply. Every two weeks they will come and fill it up for us. Kopf asked if most of the facilities he provides this for are indoor or outdoor pools? Stater said both. He stated the product is cheap and efficient and he can get us a reference list. The Clear Blue is \$1.75 a gallon and the Bleach is \$1.50 a gallon delivered. He guarantees this board a 25% savings. These two products would replace the current system and would be much more efficient. Mathews stated he likes the instant recovery. The dry chlorine has to dissolve. Bridges asked if the current system would convert. Stater stated yes. Mathews stated he bought 22 pails of chlorine at the end of last year at a reduced rate of \$179 a pail. Stater stated he thinks he can recoup our costs for that as Indy Works may buy it. Kopf stated she feels we should definitely get rid of the Muratic acid. The liquid chlorine would definitely be a space saver and a lot less fumes. Carfield stated she has ruined jewelry and clothing with the current Muratic acid.

Kopf stated the current system of chlorine pellets sticks and clumps in the bottom of system now and the holes in the system get clogged and feels this new system will be more efficient.  
Hasecuster said he personally feels we should change both now as if we don't we will still get build up. Both liquids will eliminate the clogging and the calcium build-up.  
Stater informed the board this new system would run \$4,500 to \$5,000 a year.  
Mathews stated he had \$7,500 budgeted for chemicals but that weed killer does come out of that line item too.  
Kile moved to convert to the Clear Blue immediately and convert to the Liquid Chlorine if we can sell our other products. Voiles seconded. Motion carried.  
Corn stated he would like to see both of the products done.  
Bridges asked if we are certain we can guarantee a 25% budget reduction to next years budget and feels we should not be spending more then \$5,000 for supplies next year.  
Shuppert stated this should be about a \$1,800 to \$1,900 hundred dollar a year savings.  
Mathews stated he will contact references.  
Kile withdrew her motion.  
Bridges stated when he sees a budget, he don't want to expect money to knowingly be left to transfer out.  
Bridges stated that Hasecuster is probably right; it's smart to go ahead and do it all at once if you can get rid of the other chemicals.  
The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Review Master Plan – Sharpe reported that the Five Year Park & Recreation Master Plan expires at the end of this year. A new plan has to be put together and submitted before June of next year. She has contacted a couple of companies that will do a Master Plan but found out the cost is expensive. Franklin had theirs done for \$14,500, Fishers was \$23,500 and a company by the name of Starrow-Kinsella will do one for \$12,000 to \$15,000.  
Shuppert asked who did the Master Plan 5 years ago? Sharpe stated that herself, Kile, Mathews with the help of the Parks Board.  
Sharpe explained that it can be done again but that steps had to be followed. A public meeting has to be held or a survey has to be done. Kile stated she felt the survey was very effective last time and suggested doing the survey.  
It was decided to meet next month and put a survey together.  
Everyone was asked to bring your ideas for the survey and a priority list for the parks.  
Shuppert suggested more handicap assessable playgrounds.  
Everyone is to bring their thoughts to the next meeting.

**New Business:** Friend of the Park Award – Kathy Linville/Subway – Mathews presented Kathy Linville with the Friend of the Park Award for her generous donation of cookies for the Valentines Dance at BRMS and her donation of treat bags for the Halloween Parade. Kathy goes above and beyond helping the Parks Department and it is very much appreciated.

There being no further business, Shuppert moved to adjourn. Hasecuster seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY